

The William S. Creighton Memorial Issue

The sequence of circumstances that led to the publication of this issue of the *Journal* demonstrates the desire of friends and associates to recognize the achievements of William Creighton and to provide for him a fitting memorial. At the end of last summer the news of Dr. Creighton's death was received by Dr. Howard Topoff, President of the New York Entomological Society. A few weeks later at an Executive Committee meeting of the Society the decision was made to solicit papers from myrmecologists for a memorial issue of the *Journal*. Preparations were just begun when a letter was received from Dr. Roy Snelling of Los Angeles, California, advising the Society that he and Dr. E. O. Wilson were collecting papers and asking if the New York Entomological Society would sponsor a memorial issue. The two projects were combined.

William Creighton joined the New York Entomological Society shortly after he came to the Biology Department of the City College of New York in 1931. In his early membership his main service to the group was as a speaker at meetings. From time to time he would spend an evening presenting some aspect of his research. During the 1950's he became an active worker in the Society. In 1957 he was elected Vice-President. Later he joined the Publication Committee, and in 1960 he undertook the Editorship of the *Journal*. He held this post for a year and a half until his early retirement from C.C.N.Y. It was a change in the retirement regulations of the New York City colleges that gave him the opportunity to retire early and to begin a period of vigorous research in the taxonomy and the biology of the ants in the southwestern region of the United States.

The New York Entomological Society is proud to have had William S. Creighton as a member and as a Society worker and is grateful for the contributions he has made to the field of myrmecology. To his memory this issue of the *Journal* is affectionately dedicated.

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